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TRAN/IRAQ: Dependence of both countries on river IXX traffic

BRIEF (FOR REPORTS OF MORE THAN ONE PAGE, ENTER CAREFUL SUMMARY)

- 1. Iraq is constructing a deep water loading terminal which will make her oil shipments independent of Shatt. The Iraqi Military Attache also states that the old U.S. World War II port on the Khawr Abdullah will be rebuilt in the next 2 years. (He says the port facilities are completely rundown now).
- naval units in the is disturbed at having all, 2. As to Iran, Shatt. He is making a big pitch for a Kharg Island naval base. and little else about developing ports outside the Shatt. Schemes, all of them apparently too EXECUTE expensive, are mentioned for getting the Abadan refinery oil to the Persian Gulf without Shatt transit.
- 3. Both countries apparently desire to lessen their dependence on the Shatt, but for the present while they are arguing about the Shatt both countries are heavily dependent on the river for imports and exports. Either country would be foolish to start shooting and to close the Shatt.

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